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Finance Committee Minutes 03-14-2001

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING, March 14, 2001

7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING

ATTENDEES:

Phelps	Feinleib*	Kocur	O'Neill*	Mahoney*
DeCoursey*	Villandry*	Simmons	Mazmanian*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan	
Scoppettuolo*	Franclemont*		Olsen	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Tosi	Kneeland*

*** Indicates present**

VISITORS: Town Manager Phil Farrington, Deputy Town Manager Nancy Galkowski, Personnel Director John Dunlap, Town Counsel John Maher

MINUTES of 3/7/01 accepted as corrected.

The following articles were discussed by Farrington and his staff.

ARTICLE 36 ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/COMMUNITY

PRESERVATION ACT: Act allows up to 3% surcharge on property tax if approved by voters to be spent for affordable housing, open space and historical preservation. First step is Town Meeting approval. Maher to provide copies of act & explanations.

VOTED to table until more info is available. Unanimous

ARTICLE 37 (ARTICLE 6 2nd STP) ENTERPRISE FUND/LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES: Manager now proposes a revolving fund to be capped at \$4000 to receive payment from 3d parties for advanced life support services supplied to citizens by Armstrong which supplement Fire Department services in order to refund Armstrong. This is required by recent legislation.

VOTED to support BOS. Unanimous

ARTICLE 44 LANE MARKING & CROSSWALKS Funding included in Public Works budget

ARTICLE 45 INTERNATIONAL CROSSWALK DESIGN Funding included in Public Works budget

ARTICLE 51 REVOLVING FUNDS: No appropriation

ARTICLE 53 BYLAW AMENDMENT: Probably no positive action by BOS. Would require 2/3 vote of TM

ARTICLE 55 (ARTICLE 2 1st STM) DEED RESTRICTION/APPROPRIATION PEIRCE FIELD: No developments since discussion on 2/28. Formal agreement may not be ready for TM approval. BOS probably will request a vote on the general principles that have been negotiated. TM vote needed to get DEP approval. School Committee to recommend field house expenditure.

Fanning to arrange joint hearing on Field House

VOTED to support BOS. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 57 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/LOCAL 680: Union agreed to 3% 7/00 + 1.5% 7/01+ revised pay plan. Changes included in budgets.

VOTED no action. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 58 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/NAGE: In arbitration.

VOTED no report at this time. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 59 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/LIBRARIANS: Agreed to 3% + 1.5% + revised pay plan. Pay plan changed from version approved by TM because midpoints did not match surrounding towns. Changes documented in handout.

VOTED favorable action w/ \$ to be provided later. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 60 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/FIREFIGHTERS: Agreement reached for a 4 step plan totaling 8% over 2 yrs. Still below comparable communities. Union agreed to bi-weekly payroll which will save some admin costs.

VOTED favorable action w/ \$ to be provided later. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 61 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/PATROLMEN No agreement but negotiation atmosphere much improved. FinCom requested Manager to find out who audits building inspector decisions. Town may be losing substantial fees.

VOTED no report at this time. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 62 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/RANKING OFFICERS: Agreed to plan similar to firefighters.

VOTED favorable action w/ \$ to be provided later. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 63 M SCHEDULE: Agreed to same plan as local 680. Expense included in budgets.

VOTED no action. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 64 SALARY ADJUSTMENT/ELECTED OFFICIALS: Personnel conducting survey.

VOTED to table. Unanimous

ARTICLE 65 FUTURE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

VOTED no report at this time.

ARTICLE 66 POSITION RECLASSIFICATION: Personnel Subcommittee not ready to report.

ARTICLE 73 APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS:

VOTED to approve same appropriations as last year except Millennium Celebration which is over. Unanimous

ARTICLE 82 TRASH CONTRACT Manager recommends no action.

VOTED no action. Unanimous

ARTICLE 83 MINUTEMAN BIKEWAY The cable company contributed \$200k to repair the bikeway after burying cable under it. Money in bank account must be appropriated by TM before it can be spent. Town may not be able to spend these funds this year. Park funds in article.

VOTED \$200k + interest for bikeway maintenance. Unanimous.

ARTICLES 86 & 87 APPROPRIATION/ WATER & SEWER FINANCING These are the no interest MWRA loans for system upgrades.

VOTED favorable action w/ \$ to be provided later. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Meetings are scheduled for March 19, 21, 26, 28; and April 9, 11, 18 -- all in the Bob O'Neill Room at the Community Safety Bldg. Also 9:00 Sat 4/14 in Town Hall Hearing Room.

Agendas:

3/19 7:30 Land Acquisition Articles 77, 79, 80

3/21 School Committee

Peter B. Howard, secretary